



EXPERIMENT - II

FAMILIRISATION WITH SIGNAL
GENERATOR, OSCILLOSCOPE AND
STUDIES ON RC, CR AND RL CIRCUITS

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Objective : Through this experiment, we get familiarized with frequency response of different circuit as R-C, C-R, R-L and L-R and how to use them as voltage dividers and frequency filters.

Part -I: R-C low pass filter

❖ **Aim of the Experiment:** To use R-C circuit as a low-pass filter and to observe its frequency response and phase response characteristics.

❖ **Theory:**

Input voltage of fixed magnitude V_{in} (rms) is fed into simple series-RC circuit and output is taken from across the capacitor.

$$\text{Thus, } V_{out} = \frac{X_c}{X_c + R} V$$

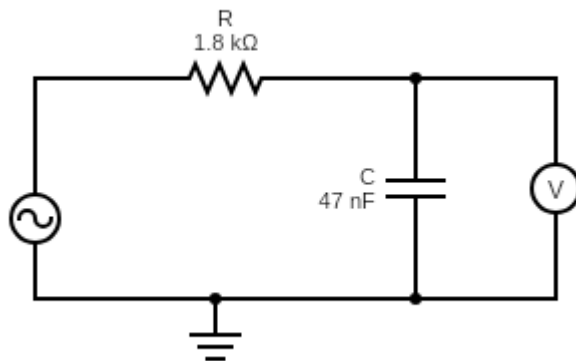
$$\text{Implies, } V_{out} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC} V$$

$$\text{Therefore, Transfer Function, } H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}}$$

For higher frequencies $\frac{V_{out}}{V}$ is very low, i.e. amplitude of output voltage gets attenuated at higher frequencies. Hence, this acts as a low-pass filter.

Cut-off frequency $\omega = \frac{1}{RC}$ (i.e. at this frequency the output power becomes half of the input power).

❖ Circuit Diagram:



❖ Observation:

For input voltage =10V(rms)

Sl. No.	Frequency(Hz)	Magnitutude(dB)	Phase(theta)	Output Volt
1	50	-0.004	-1.53	9.996
2	149	-0.027	-4.506	9.969
3	438	-0.229	-13.093	9.740
4	1294	-1.675	-34.468	8.246
5	1884.87	-3	-45	8.607
6	3818	-7.075	-63.746	4.428
7	11267	-15.647	-80.54	1.650
8	33252	-24.941	-86.799	0.566
9	98134	-34.328	-88.945	0.192
10	289614	-43.727	-89.673	0.069
11	854713	-53.127	-89.92	0.022
12	2522440	-62.527	-90.003	0.007

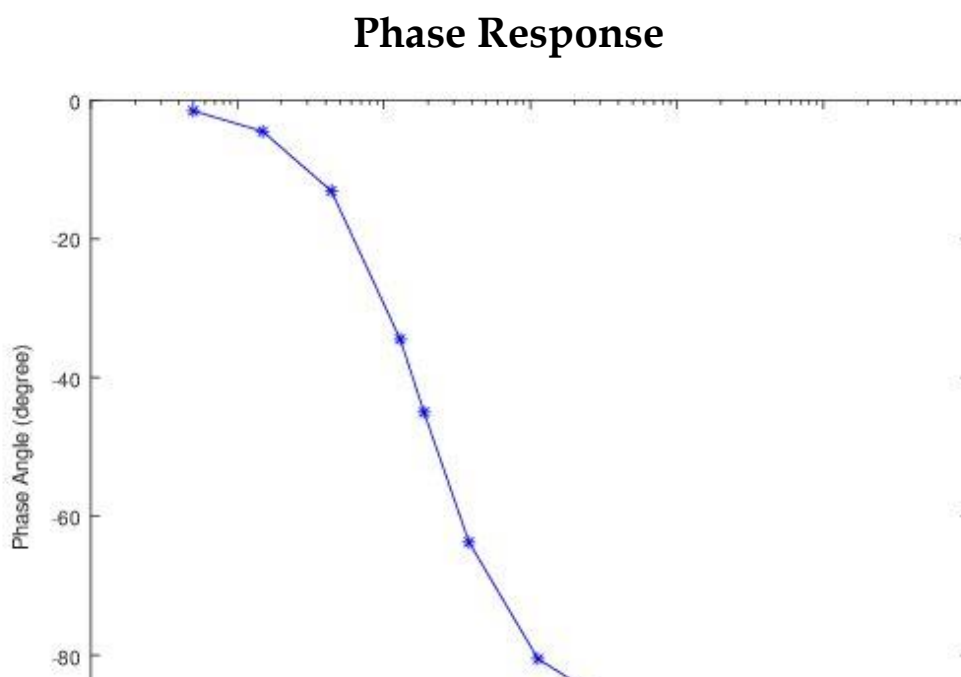
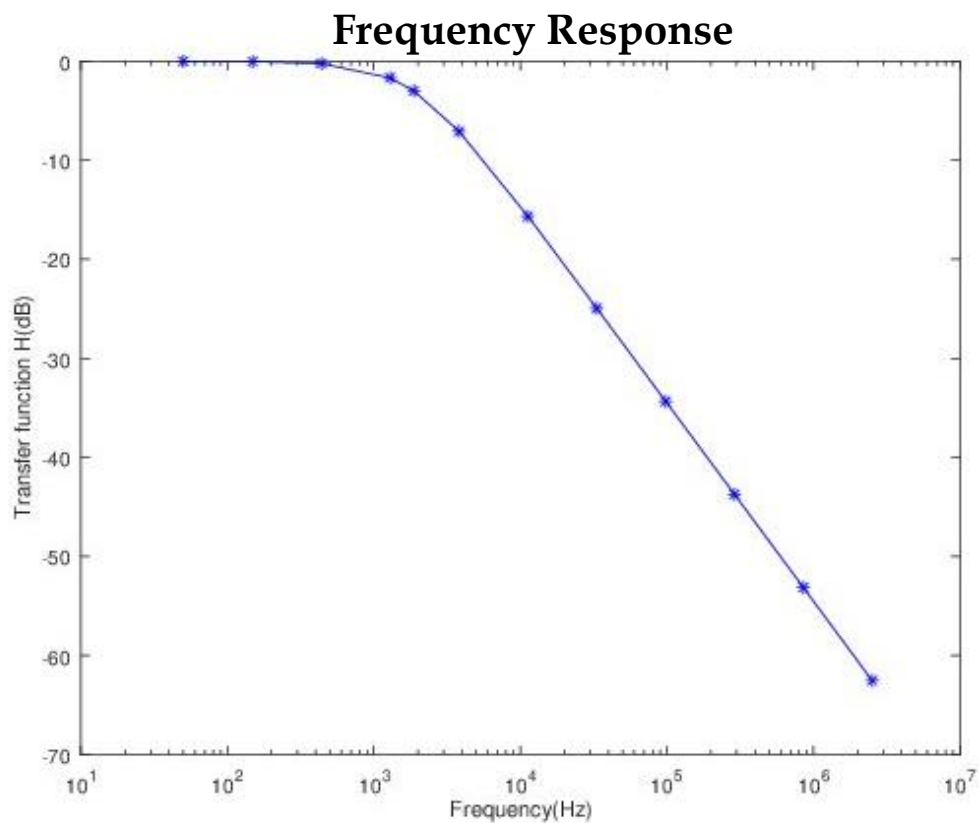
❖ Calculation:

In our given circuit $R=1.8\text{k}\Omega$ and $C=46.91\text{nF}$.

Therefore, cut-off frequency $\omega = \frac{1}{RC} = 1884.87\text{Hz}$.

So, at this frequency $H = -3\text{dB}$.

❖ Plot:



❖ **Inference and discussion:**

As evident from the above calculation and plot in this circuit, the signals with frequencies lower than 1884.87Hz will be allowed to pass and other higher frequencies will be blocked.

This circuit parameters can be varied to obtain a different cut-off frequency. So, any filter like this can be modelled according to our preference by choosing suitable resistance and capacitance.

Part -II: R-C high pass filter

❖ Aim of the Experiment: To use R-C circuit as a high-pass filter and to observe its frequency response and phase response characteristics.

❖ Theory:

Input voltage of fixed magnitude V_{in} (rms) is fed into simple series-RC circuit and output is taken from across the resistor.

$$\text{Thus, } V_{out} = \frac{R}{X_C + R} V$$

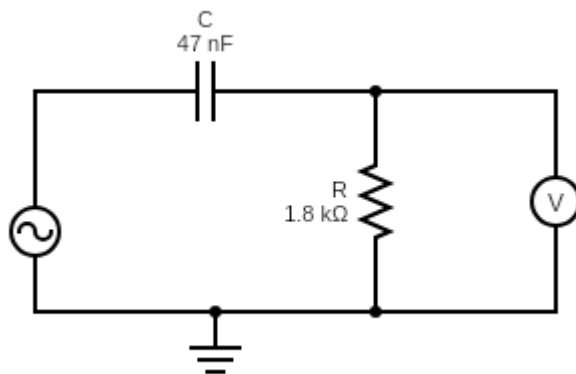
$$\text{Implies, } V_{out} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{j\omega RC}} V$$

$$\text{Therefore, Transfer Function, } H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 +}}$$

For lower frequencies $\frac{V_{out}}{V}$ is very low, i.e. amplitude of output voltage gets attenuated at lower frequencies. Hence, this acts as a high-pass filter.

Cut-off frequency $\omega = \frac{1}{RC}$ (i.e. at this frequency the output power becomes half of the input power).

❖ Circuit Diagram:



❖ Observation:

For input voltage =10V(rms)

Sl. No.	Frequency(Hz)	Magnititude(dB)	Phase(theta)	Output Volt
1	50	-31.477	88.516	0.266
2	149	-22.101	85.54	0.785
3	438	-12.902	76.953	2.264
4	1294	-4.948	55.578	5.656
5	1884	-3	45	8.607
6	3818	-0.948	26.3	8.965
7	11267	-0.12	9.506	9.862
8	33252	-0.01395	3.248	9.98
9	98134	-0.0016	1.1015	9.998
10	289614	-0.0002	0.373	9.999
11	854713	-2E-05	0.1265	10
12	2522440	-2E-06	0.0429	10

❖ Calculation:

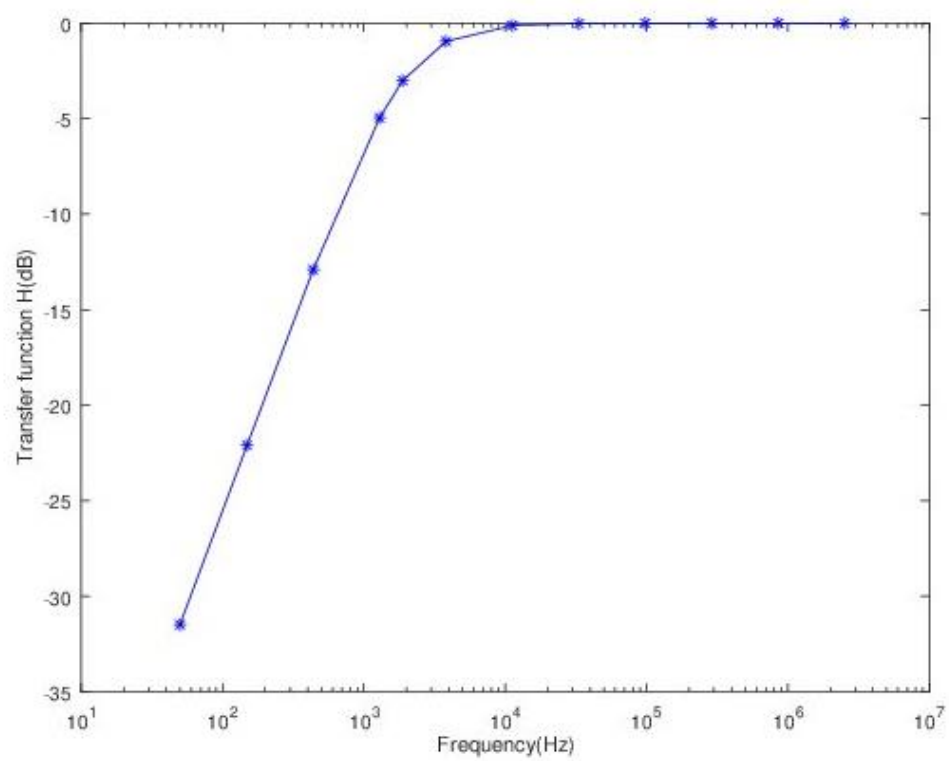
In our given circuit $R=1.8k\Omega$ and $C=46.91nF$.

Therefore, cut-off frequency $w = \frac{1}{RC} = 1884.87Hz$.

So, at this frequency $H=-3dB$.

❖ Plot:

Frequency Response



Phase Response



❖ **Inference and discussion:**

As evident from the above calculation and plot in this circuit, the signals with frequencies higher than 1884.87Hz will be allowed to pass and other lower frequencies will be blocked.

This circuit parameters can be varied to obtain a different cut-off frequency. So, any filter like this can be modelled according to our preference by choosing appropriate resistance and capacitance values.

Part -III: R-L low pass filter

❖ Aim of the Experiment: To use R-L circuit as a low-pass filter and to observe its frequency response characteristics.

❖ Theory:

Input voltage of fixed magnitude V_{in} (rms) is fed into simple series-RL circuit and output is taken from across the resistor.

$$\text{Thus, } V_{out} = \frac{R}{X_L + R} V$$

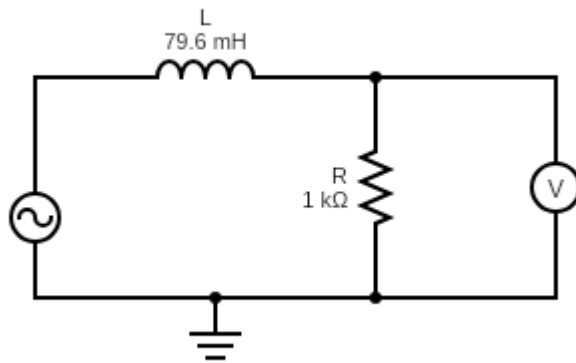
$$\text{Implies, } V_{out} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{j\omega L}{R}} V$$

$$\text{Therefore, Transfer Function, } H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega L}{R}\right)^2}}$$

For higher frequencies $\frac{V_{out}}{V}$ is very low, i.e. amplitude of output voltage gets attenuated at higher frequencies. Hence, this acts as a high-pass filter.

Cut-off frequency $\omega = \frac{R}{L}$, (i.e. at this frequency the output power becomes half of the input power).

❖ Circuit Diagram:



❖ Observation:

For input voltage =10V(rms)

<u>S.I. No.</u>	<u>Frequency(Hz)</u>	<u>Magnititude(dB)</u>
1	50	0
2	15.41	-0.02
3	452.62	-0.22
4	1200	-1.33
5	2000	-3
6	3600	-6.27
7	5020	-8.53
8	7010	-11.23
9	10070	-14.21
10	19900	-20

❖ Calculation:

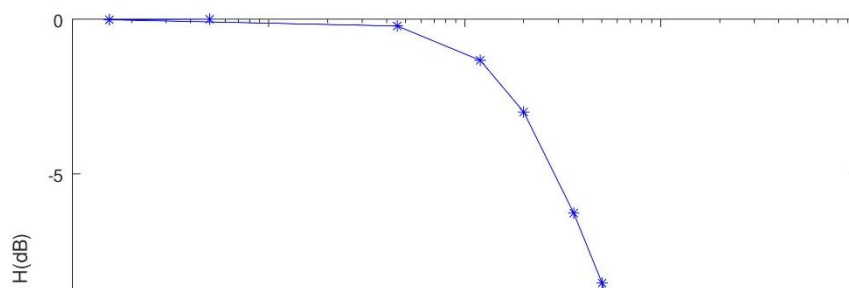
In our given circuit $R=1k\Omega$ and $L=79.58mH$.

Therefore, cut-off frequency $\omega = \frac{R}{L} = 1999.97Hz = 2kHz$ (approx.)

So, at this frequency $H=-3dB$.

❖ Plot:

Frequency Response



❖ **Inference and discussion:**

As evident from the above calculation and plot in this circuit, the signals with frequencies lower than 2000Hz will be allowed to pass and other higher frequencies will be blocked.

This circuit parameters can be varied to obtain a different cut-off frequency. So, any filter like this can be modelled according to our requirement by choosing appropriate resistance and inductance values.

Part -IV: R-L high pass filter

❖ Aim of the Experiment: To use R-L circuit as a high-pass filter and to observe its frequency response characteristics.

❖ Theory:

Input voltage of fixed magnitude V_{in} (rms) is fed into simple series-RL circuit and output is taken from across the inductor.

$$\text{Thus, } V_{out} = \frac{X_L}{X_L + R} V$$

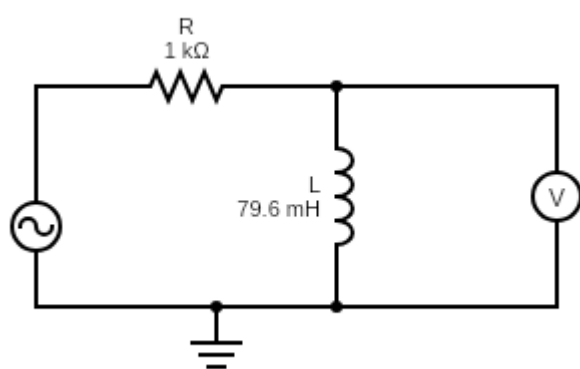
$$\text{Implies, } V_{out} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R}{j\omega L}} V$$

$$\text{Therefore, Transfer Function, } H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{R}{\omega L}\right)^2}}$$

For lower frequencies $\frac{V_{out}}{V}$ is very low, i.e. amplitude of output voltage gets attenuated at lower frequencies. Hence, this acts as a high-pass filter.

Cut-off frequency $\omega = \frac{R}{L}$, (i.e. at this frequency the output power becomes half of the input power).

❖ Circuit Diagram:



❖ Observation:

For input voltage =10V(rms)

<u>S.I. No.</u>	<u>Frequency(Hz)</u>	<u>Magnitutude(dB)</u>
1	50.3	-32.04
2	151.66	-22.43
3	428	-13.59
4	1100	-6.35
5	2000	-3
6	3750	-1.09
7	5000	-0.65
8	7020	-0.35
9	10080	-0.17
10	20000	-0.04

❖ Calculation:

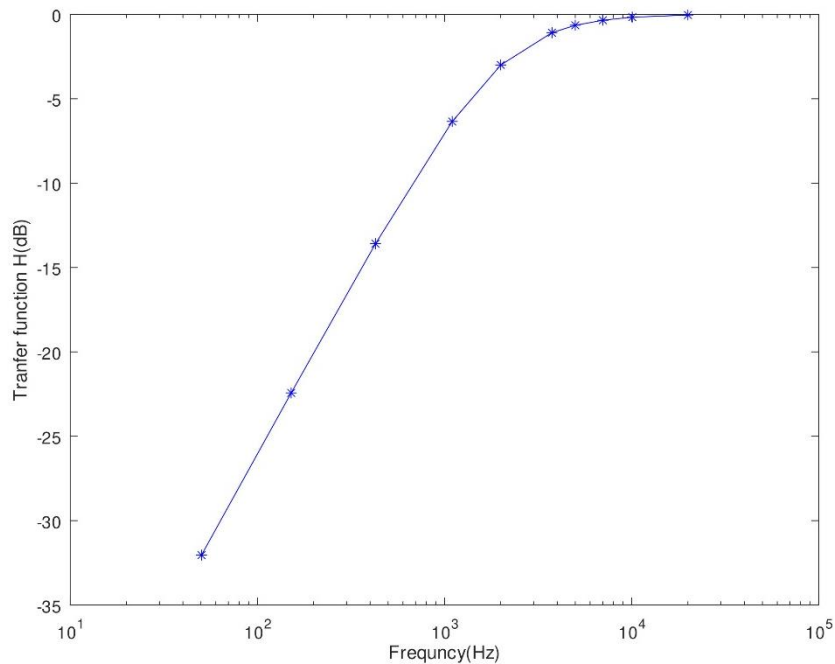
In our given circuit $R=1k\Omega$ and $L=79.58mH$.

Therefore, cut-off frequency $w = \frac{R}{L} = 1999.97Hz = 2kHz$ (approx.)

So, at this frequency $H=-3dB$.

❖ Plot:

Frequency Response



❖ Inference and discussion:

As evident from the above calculation and plot in this circuit, the signals with frequencies higher than 2000Hz will be allowed to pass and other lower frequencies will be blocked.

This circuit parameters can be varied to obtain a different cut-off frequency. So, any filter like this can be modelled according to our requirement by choosing appropriate resistance and inductance values.

Discussion : *Filters are electronic circuits that remove any unwanted components or features from a signal. In simple words, you can understand it as the circuit rejects certain band of frequencies and allows others to pass through. They are widely used in Instrumentation, Electronics and Communication Systems especially in Signal and Image processing systems.*

Though practically, there does not exist a single cut-off frequency, V_{out}/V_{in} actually have a continuous graph, the output considered to be zero when falls below a certain value (commonly the half power value).

Different Applications of passive filter circuits include:

- *Filter Circuits are used to eliminate background Noise*
- *They are used in Radio tuning to a specific frequency*
- *Used in Pre-amplification, Equalization, Tone Control in Audio Systems*
- *They are also used in Signal Processing Circuits and Data Conversion*
- *Filter Circuits are extensively used in Medical Electronic Systems*

Reference : *All the above data and plots done in falstad.com circuit simulator can be seen here.*

Part1 :

[RC low pass filter](#)

Part2 :

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Part3 :

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Part4 :

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